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## NEW FACTORY TO PRODUCE MACNESITE BRICKS

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Magnesite, chromite and magnesite, and chromite firebirck for use in steel production will be manufactured at a new factory near Rankovicevo. It is the first factory of its kind in Yugoslavia and the fifth in Europe.

The molting point of ragnesite brick is above 2,000 degrees.

The factory is to be put into operation in 1951. The experience gained in building other such factories in Europe has been employed in planning the Renktwiceve plant. A conveyor is employed in the nanufacturing process. The magnesite will arrive by a special standard-gauge railroad at one end and bricks ready for delivery will be stored at the other end.

The construction of the factory began in 1947. Equipment and machinery should begin to arrive next year. Some of it had to be obtained abroad. Mills for grinding sinter magnesite were ordered in Czecheslovakia but failed to

MEW PITS OFFERED AT BROWN-COAL MIME -- Politika, No 13325, 25 Aug 49

Preliminary work toward expanding the Gorusa pit at the Breza prown-coal wine is now under way. Twice as much load as last year will be mined from . this pit in 1949.

Deepening of the Smajilbegovici pit, which will be the center of coal production at Breza, was begun in 1948. Vast reserves of coal have been discovered in the meighborhood. Drilling will be continued to a depth of 300 meters. So far 66 meters of vertical corridor have been drilled or blasted. In 1952, when construction is finished, the Smajilbegovici pit will be the most modern in the coal field. Shipment of coal from this pit will be fully mechanized.

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Last September work began toward opening the Koscane pit. Production will begin there this year.

A modern and technically advenced separator to be built at the Smajilbegovici pit will replace the present one. A ropeway will be built from the new Koscane pic to the present separator.

EXPANSION UNDER WAY IN BOSNIAN COAL FIELDS -- Borbs, No 197, 20 Aug 49

Tuzla -- Preliminary work toward the opening of new pits and working places in the Kreka coal mine has been going on for a long time. By the end of this year, 205 new working points, later to be transformed into independent faces, pits, and mines, are to be ready for opening. The faces already opened are now being exploited. The construction of a standard-gauge track to expedite the shipment of coal to the separation plant has begun, and a high-tension electric translatesion line 50 kilometers long is being installed.

The tacknical management of the Kreka mize is now raking preparations for opening a large new coal field at Majevica.

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